

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments merely address matters of form and do not require reopening prosecution on the merits. These amendments address renumbering of the claims that were submitted in the preliminary amendment filed with the present continuation application on November 25, 2003. Specifically, the parent of the present application included claims 1-19. However, in the preliminary amendment filed with the present application, Applicants indicated that claims 1-20 were canceled and added new claims 21 – 34. In a telephonic interview with the Examiner on February 13, 2006, the Examiner and Applicant's representative, Paul Churilla, discussed the numbering of the claims in that preliminary amendment and the fact that the pending claims have been renumbered as claims 20 – 33 by the Patent Office. The foregoing amendments reflect this renumbering and the claims are amended, as appropriate, to reflect their proper claim dependencies. Additionally, the foregoing amendments address a minor formal issue in pending claim 22 (which was formerly indicated as claim 23).

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this communication, she may contact the undersigned by telephone at 360.379.6514.

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